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SUBJECT: COSTA RICAN REACTION TO MRS. CARTER'S VISIT

1. TPAL REACTION TO MRS. ROSALYNN CARTER'S FORTHCOMING VISIT
IS HIGHLY FAVORABLE. MOST COSTA RICANS FEEL HONORED THAT
THEIRS IS THE ONLY NATION IN CENTRAL AMERICAN THAT THE FIRST
LADY IS VISITING. MRS. CARTER CAN EXPECT A WARM WELCOME DURING
HER STAY IN COSTA RICA.

2. COSTA RICAN MEDIA TREATMENT OF MRS. CARTER'S VISIT HAS THUS
FAR BEEN LOW KEY BUT VERY POSITIVE. TV AND RADIO NEWSCASTS OVER
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND GAVE STEADY, FAVORABLE COVERAGE TO HER TRIP.
ALMOST ALL REPORTS WERE BASED ON COMMERCIAL NEWS SERVICE SOURCES AND/
OR
USIS SUPPLIED MATERIAL. PRESS ACCOUNTS HAVE RELIED ON WIRE
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SERVICE REPORTS ALTHOUGH SOME FEATURE ARTICLES BASED ON
MATERIAL PROVIDED BY USIS HAVE ALSO APPEARED.

3. EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS BEEN SPARSE IN KEEPING WITH THE
NORMAL LOCAL PRACTICE OF NOT COMMENTING ON A DISTINGUISHED
VISITOR UNTIL THE DAY OR NIGHT BEFORE HE ARRIVES. WHAT
HAS APPEARED HAS BEEN HIGHLY FAVORABLE. LEADING DAILY

"LA NACION" MAY 28 NOTING THAT THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER HAVE ALWAYS WORKED AS A TEAM DECLARED, "NOBODY BETTER, THEN, COULD BE SENT AS AN EMISSARY AND MESSENGER OF GOOD WILL BY THE PRESIDENT, THAN HIS OWN WIFE." "LA NACION" ADDS THAT THE VISIT PROVIDED LATIN AMERICAN PRESIDENTS AND OTHERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT HER WITH THEIR POINTS OF VIEW AND SUGGESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION. THE EDITORIAL ALSO WELCOMES ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE TODMAN AND NOTING THAT HE IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH COSTA RICA'S PROBLEMS SUGGESTS THAT "HE CAN ALSO BE THE MEDIATOR OF THE BEST SOLUTIONS."

4. ENGLISH LANGUAGE WEEKLY THE "TICO TIMES" MAY 27, AFTER NOTING THAT SOME LATIN EXPERTS VIEWED MRS. CARTER'S VISIT AS "CONDESCENDING," EVEN "INSULTING," STATED THAT, "FAR FROM BEING 'INSULTED' BY MRS. CARTER'S OFFICIAL VISIT, COSTA RICANS ARE DELIGHTED AND HONORED. THEY SEE IT AS A SIGN THIS COUNTRY IS PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF US-LATIN RELATIONS, WHICH FOR TOO LONG LANGUISHED UNDER AN ATTITUDE OF 'BEGINNING NEGLECT' ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES."

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